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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY MANILA

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AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 8143

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, CH, RP

SUBJ: IMELDA ON CHAIRMAN MAO

1. CHAIRMAN MAO WAS NOTICEABLY LESS ARTICULATE THIS JUNE THAN WHEN SHE SAW HIM IN SEPTEMBER 1974, IMELDA MARCOS TOLD EMBOFF IN BRIEF CONVERSATION BEFORE SHE WAS AWARDED KAJIMA PEACE PRIZE JUNE 16. THERE WAS, HOWEVER, NOTHING WRONG WITH CHAIRMAN'S MENTAL POWERS OR HIS ABILITY TO WRITE, SHE ADDED, NOTING THAT SHE HAD SEEN HIM WRITE NOTES TO SUBORDINATES. MAO, IN FACT, HAD WRITTEN SHORT POEM FOR HER DAUGHTER (WHO IS STUDYING CHINESE AT AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY) IN HIM OWN CALIGRAPHY, WHICH SHE DESCRIBED AS BEAUTIFUL. THOUGH SHE COULD NOT REMEMBER PRECISE TRANSLATION, MRS. MARCOS DESCRIBED THEMES OF POEM ROUGHLY AS FOLLOWS:

" AS TREE WHICH GROWS TALL IS BATTERED BY WINDS,  
AS ROCK WHICH PORTRUDES INTO STREAM IS WORN BY CURRENT,  
SO IS MAN OF QUALITY SUBJECT TO CRITICISM BY FELLOW MEN".

2. COMMENT: WE SHARE MRS. MARCOS' LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN PRECISE WORDING OF ABOVE THEMES, AND HESITATE TO SUBJECT LANGUAGE TO MICROSCOPIC ANALYTICAL SCRUTINY NORMALLY GIVEN TO CHAIRMAN'S WRITINGS OR UTTERANCES. THEY DO SUGGEST, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT MAO'S BRAIN IS STILL TURNING OVER, BATTERED, WORN, AND

CRITICIZED THOUGH HE MAY BE.  
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